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To Whom it may concern,

The proposed facility is comprised of a ground floor courier distribution warehouse of 4,621 sf and ground floor office space inclusive of ADA bathrooms and conference room area of 1,485 SF. A mezzanine structure was design to provide 943 sf of private office space for CEO and VP and 177 SF of enclosed valuable storage space and 267 SF of open Valuable storage space. The office space is not open to the public and is only for private use of CEO and VP which are a husband and wife.

The occupancy load of the mezzanine structure is low at maximum they will not exceed 3 occupants at any one time. Unfortunately, the building department is basing occupant load on 100 sf / person which computes to 10 occupants for the offices and 1 occupant for storage.

The Waiver for the requirement of vertical accessibility is being requested due to disproportionate financial hardship based on over 20% of the construction cost. The cost of the elevator lift is \$41,150 compared to the total construction cost of \$201,422 which computes to 20.4%. This seems to be excessive for an occupancy of only 3 persons which are owners of the business.

Finally, the ground floor is fully accessible, inclusive of bathrooms and workspace areas.

We therefore find that the requirement to provide vertical accessibility to the mezzanine level is a substantial financial cost of which is not warranted for this project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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